

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Property Name: Restaurant Inventory Number: CT-1270

Address: 1232 E. Mt. Harmony Road, Owings, MD 20736, Calvert County

Owner: Daniel P. Sheridan, PO Box 1700 Prince Frederick, MD 20678

Tax Parcel Number: 121 Tax Map Number: 7

Project MD 260: Bridge 4022 and Replacement of Mt. Harmony Agency State Highway Administration (SHA)

Site visit by SHA Staff: no X yes Name: Kelly Steele Date: 05/23/2000

Eligibility recommended Eligibility **not** recommended X

Criteria A B X C D Considerations: A B C D E F G X None

Is property located within a historic district? X no yes Name of District:

Is district listed?: X no yes

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files

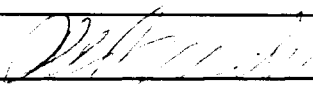
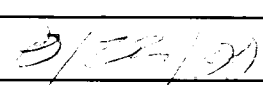
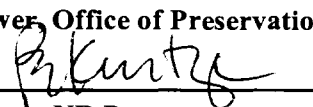
Description of Property and Eligibility Determination *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

Description:

The building at 1232 E. Mt. Harmony Road was a former residence that has been converted to a commercial use, currently housing a restaurant. This 1930s two-story building consists of aluminum siding with some brick coursework at the base of the building. As the structure sits on the lot, it faces south, with paving on the east, west, and south sides. At the north elevation, the adjacent grade drops and the surrounding land is covered by vegetation. Essentially, the structure has a rectangular footprint, although a first story addition projects from the south and west sides (this addition could be incorporating a former porch). The original structure has a moderate-pitched gable roof and the addition has a hipped/shed roof. A chimney stands at the north end of the gable roof and three skylights run along the western edge of this roof.

The main, south, façade contains three small modern widows and a modern double door on the first floor addition. Three modern 6/6 windows space evenly along the second story, and a modern 6/6 window stands centered in the gable peak. The lower level on the west façade houses a modern door, as well as two former window openings,

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currently filled with aluminum siding. There are no openings on the second story. The north elevation supports a contemporary wooden deck that covers the entire north façade and wraps the corner to the east facade. A flat roof, supported by plain wooden posts, extends over most of the deck. Two 6/6 windows exist, centered on the second floor of the north side. Similarly, two 6/6 modern windows occur on the second story of the east elevation.

Significance:

Calvert County, established in 1654, is located in southern Maryland on the western shore of the Chesapeake Bay. Within the county, settlement occurred along the north and south shores of the Patuxent River as early as 1639. Settlement spread quickly through the county, with most of the tillable land occupied by the end of the 17th century. With this dispersed settlement, the county contained few towns

A combination of favorable soil and topography, and good river transportation helped establish agriculture as the main economic factor. Tobacco became the chief crop and remained so until the late 20th century. This emphasis on agriculture promoted large land holdings without much town development. This pattern continued through the Revolutionary War, at which time the decline of the plantation system and the proliferation of small farms changed the county socially and supported the growth of small towns and crossroad villages.

The introduction of the railroad in 1868 also helped influence the development of the county. While railroads did not play a large role in Calvert County, the Washington & Chesapeake Railroad, started in 1891 to provide travel between Washington, DC and a planned resort at Chesapeake Beach, did spur the development of small communities and service centers around the railroad freight and flag stops. However, during the 1930s, substantial road improvements replaced the reliance on boats and trains for transportation. Such infrastructure improvements enabled the county to grow and develop in conjunction with the Washington-Baltimore metropolitan area expansion. With these metropolitan areas extending into Calvert County, the economic reliance on tobacco declined, and metropolitan development, recreation and tourism started driving the economy of Calvert County.

The area around the Mt. Harmony Road/ MD 260 intersection was slow to develop, with the first road in the area appearing on an 1865 map (predecessor of Mt. Harmony Road). On an 1885 map, a "colored" church appears in the area. Then, between 1897 and 1899, the Washington & Chesapeake Beach Railway came through the area, and the Mt. Harmony railway station was located within the project area (despite the fact that the village of Mt. Harmony was about 1 mile west). However, the railway went bankrupt in 1935, and its tracks were taken up, and the bed abandoned. A large portion of MD 260 was subsequently built on the abandoned railroad alignment. Many of the residential and commercial structures in the project area were built during the 1940s, with some adjacent residences constructed in the 1980s.

National Register Evaluation:

While the building at 1232 E. Mt. Harmony Road does represent vernacular, residential architecture in Calvert County, it is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, as defined by the criteria of eligibility in 36 CFR 60. The structure does not possess an association with significant events or trends, and is not eligible under Criterion A. The structure is not eligible under Criterion B either. Research did not identify any known association with significant persons. Similarly, the structure is not eligible under Criterion C because it does not embody distinctive characteristics of a type and period of construction. While the structure does characterize a gable-front, vernacular plan residence, the building is not unique and modern additions and county development have compromised the structure's design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association. Finally, the property has no known potential to yield important information, so it is not eligible under Criterion D, and the seven criteria considerations do not apply.

**PRESERVATION VISION 2000; THE MARYLAND PLAN
STATEWIDE HISTORIC CONTEXTS**

I. Geographic Region:

- ☐ Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
☒ Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles,
Prince George's and St. Mary's)
☐ Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll,
Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
☐ Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- ☐ Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
☐ Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
☐ Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
☒ Modern Period A.D. 1930- Present
☐ Unknown Prehistoric
☐ Unknown Historic

IV. Historic Period Themes:

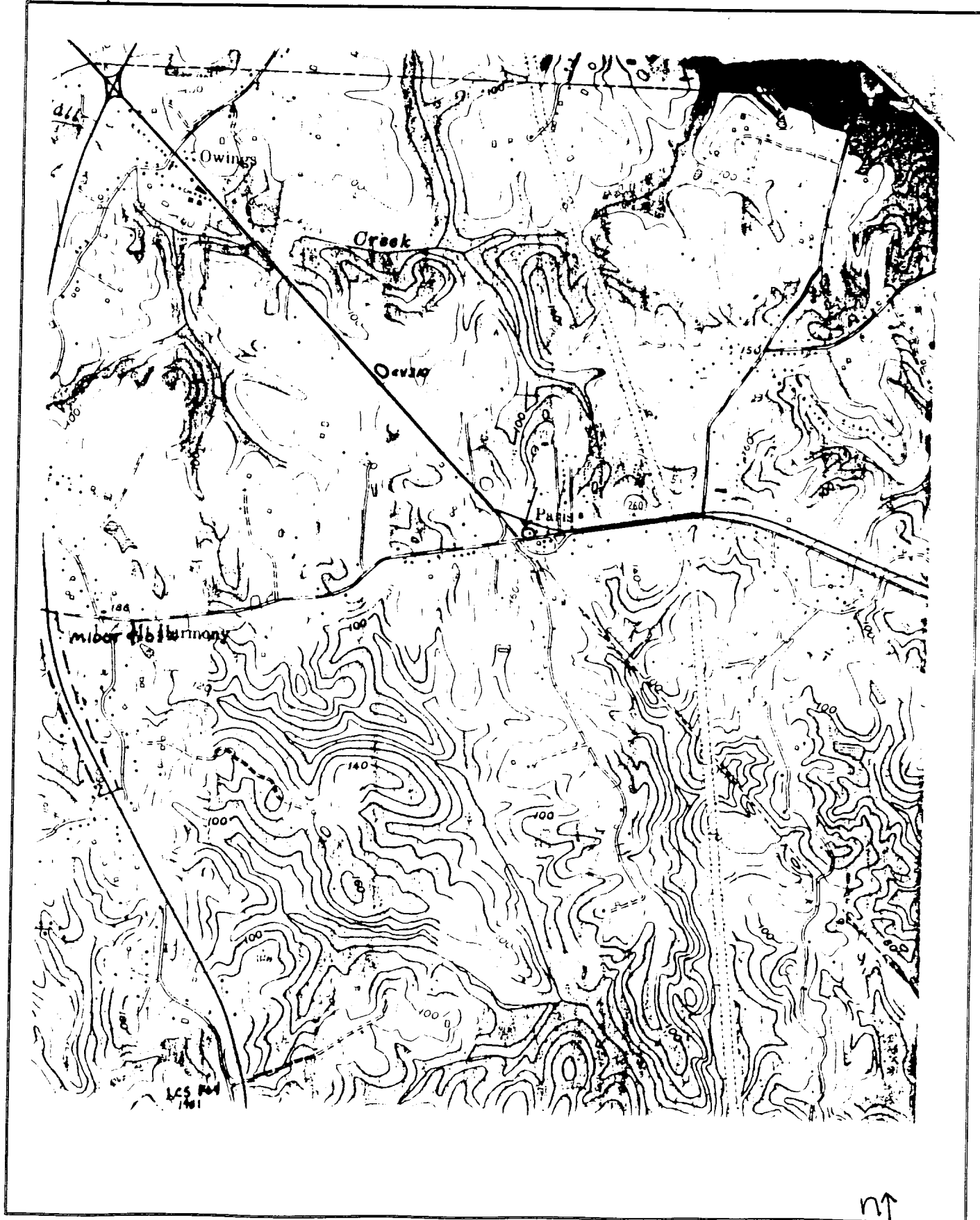
- ☐ Agriculture
☒ Architecture, Landscape Architecture,
and Community Planning
☐ Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
☐ Government/Law
☐ Military
☐ Religion
☐ Social Educational/Cultural
☐ Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: Building
Historic environment: Rural
Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic/single dwelling, Commerce/restaurant

Known Design Source: None

Survey No. CT-1270
Resource Name Restaurant
Town/County Owings/Calvert County
Quad Map North Beach





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4. Calvert County, MD
5. Feb 2000
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7. View from Mt Harmony Road, facing N/NE
Showing South-West elevations
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